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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8916

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TAGS: CASC (KNOWLTON, TERESA ANN)

SUBJECT: W/W TERESA ANN KNOWLTON

REF: (A) STATE 041536 AND PREVIOUS, (B) BANGKOK 1536

1. IN JANUARY AS REQUESTED BY DEPARTMENT EMBASSY CONTACTED EACH OF SEVERAL HOTELS IN WHICH DEPARTMENT REPORTED MISS KNOWLTON MIGHT BE STAYING. EACH HOTEL ASKED TO CONSULT THEIR REGISTRATION RECORDS FOR OCTOBER THROUGH JANUARY, AND ADVISE IF EITHER A MISS TERESA ANN KNOWLTON OR YESKE KUNRIG HAD REGISTERED. EACH HOTEL ADVISED IN TURN NO RECORD OF REGISTRATION IN EITHER NAME. EMBASSY REPORTED DICECTLY TO MR. ROBERT KNOWLTON VIA INTERESTED PARTY CABLE NEGATIVE RESULTS EMBASSY'S QUERIES.

2. DEPARTMENT ASKED EMBASSY FEBRUARY 10 WHETHER POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO CONFIRM MISS KNOWLTON'S ARRIVAL BANGKOK AS REPORTED IN AMCONSUL HONG KONG'S 1327. REGRETTABLY, AIR SIAM, UPON WHICH CARRIER MISS KNOWLTON REPORTEDLY FLEW TO BANGKOK, DESTROYS ALL FLIGHT MANIFESTS NINETY DAYS SUBSEQUENT TO FLIGHTS AND THUS NO RECORD KNOWLTON'S ARRIVAL AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY THROUGH AIR SIAM.

3. SOLELY REMAINING ALTERNATIVE AVAILABLE EMBASSY ARE ENTRY RECORDS MAINTAINED BY THAI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. BECAUSE OF LIMITED MANPOWER AND HEAVY WORKLOAD, THAI AUTHORITIES UNABLE THEMSELVES TO CONDUCT RECORDS SEARCH. EMBASSY MUST SEND STAFF MEMBER TO CONDUCT OFTEN TIMES-CONSUMING SEARCH. BECAUSE OF HEA-  
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BASSY DID NOT IMMEDIATELY DETAIL STAFF MEMBER TO ACCOMPLISH RECORDS SEARCH AT THAI IMMIGRATION.

4. CONSULAR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN REMINDED OF NECESSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL REGULATIONS REQUIRING PROMPT RESPONSES TO CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST INQUIRIES, INCLUDING INTERIM RESPONSES PENDING FINAL ANSWER.

5. EMBASSY REGRETS OVERSIGHT IN NOT PROVIDING DEPARTMENT INTERIM RESPONSE THIS INSTANCE AND HAS INSTRUCTED STAFF MEMBER TO EFFECT IMMEDIATE RECORDS SEARCH THAI IMMIGRATION. RESULTS WILL BE CABLED TO DEPARTMENT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE WHEN SEARCH COMPLETED.

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